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Federal Communication Officer:

This is a comment on the proposed rule making of the morse code section of the Amateur Radio licensing or element 1 portion of the testing procedure. Morse code requirement for amateur radio appears to be falling by the way side by many other nations, why do we here in the United States still have this requirement? Morse code is a good method to send and receive information between two nationalities without a common language and still have understanding of the information, granted, but there are other modes of transmission that are up and coming and have been in uses that are more common. Other nations have dropped morse code requirement due to it is not as common as it once was. I think the United States should follow suit. The FCC could in it's place enhance the written portion of the test to compensate for element 1. If the FCC drops the element 1 portion of the testing, I believe that more Amateur operators will become more interested in the HF portion of the radio spectrum and advance their licensing privileges.

Sincerely,

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